33. The Scheme of Multi-Sectoral Plan in Minority Concentration districts.

Hostels for SC/ST Students in the country

3176. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for SC/ST students functioning in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether these hostels are adequate keeping in view the ever increasing number of such students;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up more hostels in the country, and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith their locations State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The information is being collected from the concerned States/UTs and the same shall be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Government continue to encourage construction/expansion of the hostels for SC/ST students of the country. The Government has made a budget provision of Rs. 8 crores & 4 crores respectively for SC's and ST's construction/expansion of Girls' Hostels respectively and Rs. 11 crores & Rs. 4 crores for Boys Hostels, during the current year.

(d) Location of the hostels depends on the proposals received for these hostels from the States/UTs as per their requirement.

Rehabilitation of Physical Disabled Persons in the country

3177. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken for the rehabilitation of physically disabled persons in the country;

(b) if so, the approximate number of such people in the country;

(c) the details of the steps taken for the rehabilitation of such disabled people in Orissa and other States;

(d) the specific steps taken for the proper rehabilitation of war disabled, and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the latest Sample Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 about 16.15 million people of the country were suffering from physical disabilities including visual disability, hearing disability, speech disability and locomotor disability.

(c) A statement showing the steps taken for rehabilitation of disabled persons in Orissa and other States is given *(see* below).

(d) and (e) The information has been called for from the Ministry of Defence.

Statement

Rehabilitation of physically handisabled persons in Orissa and other States.

(1) *Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for the Disabled*

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to voluntary organisations to run rehabilitation programmes for the disabled. Financial support is given upto 90% of the total project cost for recurring items like staff salary, maintenance charges, contingencies and non-recurring items like construction of building, equipment, furniture. Financial assistance is given for projects like vocational training centres, special schools, counselling centres, hostels, training centres for personnels, placement services etc.

(2) *Establishment & Development of Special Schools*

The scheme envisages assistance to the NGOs upto 90% for establishment and upgradation of Special Schools in four major disabilities - orthopaedic, hearing and speech, visual and mentally retarded. Priority under the scheme is given to setting up of schools in districts where there are no special schools at present. Both recurring and non-recurring expenditure is supported by the Ministry.